



CORONA - System Costs

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Memo for Compt DDS&T from JNMCM

Sub: Items for DCI Briefing to Congress

....For presentation to Congress re increased cost of intel collection R&D.

From a fundamental standpoint, info drawn from avail Govt stats can demonstrate the continuous increase in cost of labor and materiel which is the pattern of our expanding economy. Intel targets have become more and more sophisticated in themselves and therefore takes more and more sophisticated means to collect against them.

As a matter of specifics, we cld trace the history of the CORONA camera system, the original cost of [REDACTED] for each payload system, thru the evolution of the improvements up through the J-3 we will fly this summer, which will cost [REDACTED] but will provide considerable more intel per dollar invested in a more timely and reliable fashion.

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NRO review(s) completed.